

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The formulas may be prepared following the texts offered below, and elements thought to be more suitable may be selected from them, or other elements may be appropriately prepared.

OPENING PRAYERS

a) For the Rite of Admission:

Dear friends, recalling the words of Christ: “Without Me you can do nothing,” through Him let us ask the Father for mercy, for the salvation of all people, for peace in our time, for these (this) brother(s)/sister(s) of ours whom we receive today into our family.

b) For the Rite of Temporary Profession and Annual Renewal:

Dear friends, celebrating Christ’s paschal mystery and the profession of these (this) our brother(s)/sister(s), let us direct our prayers in common to God the almighty Father through Jesus Christ, the author of the gospel way of life.

c) For the Mass of Profession or Permanent Commitment to the Gospel life:

Dear friends, our spiritual family rejoices today, as these (this) servant(s) of God are (is) intent on serving Christ and the Church more fully by perpetual profession of the Rule. Let us direct our prayers with one mind and heart to God the Father from whom the gift of vocation comes.

d) For the Mass or Other Liturgy of 25th or 50th Anniversary of Profession:

Dear friends, let us humbly address our prayers to the God the Father, for His holy Church, for the peace and salvation of the world, for our religious family, and for these (this) our brother(s)/sister(s) who have (has) renewed their (his)(her) commitment to the Gospel life today.

INTENTIONS

- I. a) **For the holy Church of God: that adorned by the virtues of her children, she may shine ever more brightly in Christ, her Bridegroom:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
- b) **For our Holy Father the Pope and the other bishops, that the Holy Spirit who filled the apostles may pour out His grace unceasingly upon their successors:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

- c) **For all those who minister to the Church, that by word and work they may lead to salvation the people entrusted to their care:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
- II a) **For the peace and salvation of the world, that all Franciscan religious may be messengers and servants of the peace of Christ:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - b) **For the good of all people, that those who are dedicated to the Lord’s service may pursue the things of heaven and spend their days in the service of others:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - c) **For the poor and afflicted, that, following the example of the Divine Master, all who follow the counsels of the Gospel may love to bring good news to the poor, and to come to the aid of the oppressed:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - d) **For those who remain far from God: that all the children of St. Francis will be eager for the gift received from him of communicating with them, and of stirring up in them a desire for the truth and love of Christ.
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - e) **For all who believe in Christ, that they may listen attentively to the secret voice of God as He invites them all to a life of holiness:
let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
- III a) **For all religious of the Franciscan family, that their way of life may stand out as a clear sign of the future Kingdom :
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - b) **For our Fraternity: that the law of love for one another may shine in it, and that like the first disciples we may be one in heart and mind:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - c) **For all the members of the Franciscan family, that they may share the life of the Church and cooperate fully in all her works and hopes:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
 - d) **For all the members of the Franciscan family, that each one, according to the call of God, may increase the holiness of the Church and work to spread God’s kingdom:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

- e) **For all the members of the Franciscan family, that they may offer to God with a joyful heart their prayer and work, their joys and sufferings of life:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

IV. *For the Rite of Temporary Profession and Annual Renewal and Mass of Profession or Permanent Commitment to the Gospel life:*

- a) **For these (this) brother(s)/sister(s) of ours who have (has) today bound themselves (himself)(herself) more closely to the service of God; that in His goodness he may foster in them (him)(her) the spirit of fraternal love and active charity toward all:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
- c) **For these (this) brother(s)/sister(s) of ours, who have (has) today bound themselves (himself)(herself) more closely to God by profession; that in his goodness he may give them (him)(her) a love of prayer, a spirit of penance, and zeal in the apostolate:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**
- d) **For these (this) brother(s)/sister(s) of ours N.(N)., that they (he)(she), having become the light and leaven of the world, may enlighten human society with the brightness of their (his)(her) virtues and renew it with their (his)(her) constant prayer:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

V. **For the family (families) and friends of these (this) brother(s)/sister(s); that they too may become partakers in their journey of faith,
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

VI **For all here present, that we may be faithful to the words of the divine Teacher, as He calls us to be perfect, so that we may bear fruit in holiness:
Let us pray to the Lord. R/.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

- a) For the Rite of Admission:

**Lord, protect your family, and in your goodness grant our prayers for these (this) brother(s)/sister(s) of ours, as they (he)(she) offer(s) you the first fruits of their (his)(her) dedicated lives (life).
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

- b) *For the Rite of Temporary Profession and Annual Renewal and the Mass of Profession or Permanent Commitment to the Gospel life:*

- i. *For the Rite of Temporary Profession and Renewal:*

O God, you are the source of holiness. Hear the prayers of your people, and by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of our Franciscan family, pour out upon these (this) your servant(s) your abundant blessing, so that, as they (he)(she) follow(s) you, they (he)(she) may constantly carry out what they (he)(she) have (has) promised with the help of your grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

- ii. *For the Mass of Profession or Permanent Commitment to the Gospel Life:*

Lord, grant the prayers of your people, and by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Patroness of our Franciscan family, pour out your divine Spirit abundantly upon those (the one) whom you have graciously called to follow Christ, so that they (he)(she) may confirm by everlasting devotion that which they (he)(she) have (has) promised.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

- c) *For the Mass or Other Liturgy of 25th or 50th Anniversary of Profession:*

Lord God, you are the source of truth and mercy, hear the prayers of your people, and by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of our Franciscan family, pour into these (this) your servant(s) the strength to persevere, so that by following you faithfully they (he)(she) may fulfill the commitment which they (he)(she) now renew(s).

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

